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REMARKS

In the Official Action the Examiner sets forth a four way election of species requirement. According to the Examiner:

- (i) Species 1 corresponds to Figs 1 & 7 and suggested that claims 2-18, 35-50 & 62-63 correspond thereto;
- (ii) Species 2 corresponds to Figs 1 & 3 and suggested that claims 19-25 & 52-57 correspond thereto;
- (iii) Species 3 corresponds to Figs 1 and suggested that claims 26-29 & 58-61 correspond thereto;
- (iv) Species 4 corresponds to Figs 1 and suggested that claims 30-31 correspond thereto;

The undersigned noted that the official action does not mention claim 51 and the Examiner confirmed in a telephone call with the undersigned on July 3, 2007 and all ungrouped claims (claims 1, 32-34, 51 and 64) will be examined with whichever group is elected by Applicant.

The Applicant hereby elects Species 1 and notes that claims 1-18, 32-51, and 62-64 are readable thereon according to the Examiner.

An action on the merits of this application is awaited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2125. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the

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number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2125.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Post Office with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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